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Douglas Zimmerman, Section Chief
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Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection
165 Capitol Avenue
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Re: Harco Property Site, Wilton, Connecticut
Unilateral Administrative Order

Dear Mr. Zimmerman:

In March 1992, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Emergency Planning and Response Branch (EPRB) conducted a site investigation at the Harco Property site. The findings of this investigation were detailed in the report entitled Extent of Contamination Report For The Harco Property Site Wilton, Connecticut, March 1992 presented to you at our meeting on June 3, 1992. This survey found elevated levels of lead and zinc in the soil. A few of the samples leached lead greater than the EPA regulatory limit for landfilling (5 parts per million (ppm)), classifying the material as hazardous material. Several surface water samples were also detected with lead levels greater than the maximum contaminant level (50 parts per billion (ppb)). However, the concentrations of contaminants in the water appear to be a seasonal problem.

In May 1992, EPA notified Gilbert and Bennett Manufacturing Company that they are a potentially responsible party (PRP) for the site. As a result, Malcolm Pirnie, Inc., consultants for Gilbert and Bennett Manufacturing Company, performed a site investigation from June 23, 1992 through June 25, 1992 (a copy of these results should have been sent to you by Gilbert and Bennett). The analytical results and boring logs from this survey were compared to the data collected during the EPA March 1992 survey. The two surveys showed good correlation, the only significant difference was that the Malcolm Pirnie survey went to greater depths than the EPA survey and detected contaminated material at the increased depth.

The EPA took aerial photographs of the site in April 1992, and survey/wetland maps of the site were prepared in June 1992 by Brautigam Land Surveyors, P.C. The aerial photographs and the survey maps have been sent to your office.



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Based on the results from the EPA surveys and other site information, several options exist for site remediation. However, because of EPA's present regional budget limitations, no final remediation is planned at this time.

In order to avoid the chance of lead inhalation and ingestion, the EPA plans to erect a chain-link fence around the site. The PRPs have shown a willingness to perform this task. EPA will be issuing an Administrative Order to the PRPs for the fence installation.

Should you have any questions concerning the site or any suggestions for removal options, please give me a call at (617) 860-4308.

Sincerely,



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cc: Jill Metcalf, Esq., U.S. EPA, Office of Regional Counsel